

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES 21 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0021

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COMMISSIONER

## Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

April 23, 2021

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following changes to Growing Area EP, Kelley Point (Jonesport) to Sea Wall Pt (Kennebec). This notice changes the areas in Sanford Cove (Roque Bluffs) and Black Head (Roque Bluffs) from Restricted to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards. An interactive map that allows the user to zoom in to specific areas can be found on the ME DMR website: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/maps/index.html">https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/maps/index.html</a>. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

Prohibited: Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited areas:

P1. Chandler River (Jonesboro): north of a line beginning at the end of the Evergreen Point Road municipal boat ramp running west to the opposite shore.

Restricted: Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area without a special MDMR permit:

- R1. Sanford Cove (Roque Bluffs): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 415 yards from the culvert on the Great Cove Road then running northwest to the southern shore of the mouth of an unnamed brook.
- R2. Black Head (Roque Bluffs): east of a line starting at the southwest tip of Black Head (Roque Bluffs) and then running northwest to a red painted post located on the shore approximately 230 yards northwest from the center of the first culvert on the Cow Point Road.

Approved: All other shores, flats and waters not described in the above sections are Approved and it is lawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) when in the open status. For current status, please refer to the Biotoxin and Emergency Closure Notices on the DMR website: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html">https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html</a>

A. Growing Area EP.

If you have questions, please contact Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9500 Email: <a href="mailto:DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov">DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov</a>. During weekends/holidays, contact on duty Marine Patrol Officers through the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432- 7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at:

<a href="https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html">https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html</a>. This information is

https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207- 624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,

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2:30 PM (Effective Time)

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